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ABSTRACT

This book offers a comprehensive definition of the field of ethnic studies, covering both major issues in the field and its theoretical and methodological approaches. It traces the origins and evolution of the discipline in the United States and maps its domain. Some of the current issues addressed include affirmative action, illegal/legal immigration, bilingual education, and the English-only movement. For each issue addressed, the book introduces key concepts, outlines main dimensions, presents empirical evidence, discusses theoretical approaches, and suggests alternative perspectives when possible. There are 15 chapters in three parts. Part 1, "Basics of Ethnic Studies," includes (1) "Introduction" and (2) "Methodologies of Ethnic Studies." Part 2, "Major Issues in Ethnic Studies," includes (3) "Theories of Ethnicity," (4) "Ethnic Stratification," (5) "Ethnic Adaptation," (6) "Ethnic Differences in Socioeconomic Achievement," (7) "Ethnic Prejudice," (8) "Ethnic Discrimination, (9) "Racism," (10) "Ethnic Segregation," (11) "Ethnic Conflict," (12) "Ethnicity and Politics," and (13) "Race, Class, and Gender." Part 3, "Social Action Agendas and the Future of Ethnic Studies," includes (14) "Current Issues in Ethnic Studies" and (15) "Looking Into the Future." (Contains 420 references.) (SM)

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